



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This is a fairly short Newsletter to bring Members up to date and to remind you, that although there are no major issues afoot, your officers are still looking after the interests of our patch.

Our Treasurer tells me that well over half of the subscriptions are in. Having done the job of Road Rep myself, I know that it is always the last 10-15% which is the most time consuming to collect. But, it is important that we keep the membership level up and of course, the money in the bank.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6th Nov. '97 Members Meeting 8.0pm Bromley Court Hotel Thursday 8th Jan '98 Members Meeting 8.0pm Bromley Court Hotel Please note that the meeting after the 5th Jan will be the AGM. It is not too early to ask do we want a visiting speaker? If so what subject and who? If you have any ideas/preferences please let your Road Rep know or alternatively contact the Secretary direct on 460 7417.

Peter Pain (Editor)

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

River Ravensbourne In the last Newsletter improvements to the River Ravensbourne in Summerhouse Field were listed. For various reasons - mostly financial - only some of the work will be done this fiscal year. It is probable that some more willows will be coppiced plus some work to the river itself, such as removing the toe boards and creating riffles for fish. Plans of the proposed work can be seen in the Visitor Centre in the old Stable Block.

Summerhouse Field and the Goan Sports Club The proposals mentioned in the last Newsletter are still proposals. Lewisham are apparently having difficulty setting up a meeting between themselves, the Goans and the sports Clubs who could make up the potential Consortium which would use the pitches.

Summerhouse field Some golfers are still using the field for unofficial practice (the only practice allowed is under the supervision of the professional or his assistant). David Lloyd Leisure who are contracted to run the golf course and also maintain Summerhouse Field have said verbally that they will respond to any reports of unofficial practice. They can be contacted on 650 2292

TRANSPORT

Rail The last section of sound barrier has now been installed alongside the track in part of Ravensbourne Ave and Downs Hill. Future discussions and debates are likely to be about timetables, quality of service and fares. As George Hodson our representative on rail matters has not commuted on these lines for several years, he feels he should step down and someone who uses the lines regularly should take over, as they would be more likely to be able to speak from first hand knowledge. If anyone is prepared to take on the job, please contact the Secretary on 460 7417

Road Some members have drawn attention to the Bromley Ave. / Madeira Ave. crossroads. More and more traffic is using Bromley Ave as a rat run and some drivers are taking no notice of the "Give Way" signs. David Young our Roads & Traffic Rep will be contacting Bromley Council to discuss possible options and most importantly the state of their budget.

PLANNING

Unitary Development Plan Bromley are still sending out their Review Papers and are now up to No 15 of 17. The latest ones 12, 14 & 15 are currently being considered by the Society's UDP Working Party. The subjects are Open Space; Conservation, Design & the Built Environment and Environmental Resources. Our response will be with Bromley by the end of October.

The Synagogue, Highland Rd Some time ago an application for a flank extension was approved. However it has not yet been built. Recently the Synagogue has applied for permission to erect a temporary building on the land which would have been used for the flank extension, they also want to internally convert the garages to teaching rooms. There is no objection to the latter, but we feel that a temporary building should be just that. We are currently in discussion with the Planning Office about possible "conditions" to ensure that temporary is temporary.

Coniston / Hillbrow Following the felling of several mature trees at the bottom of the gardens of 2 houses at the junction of Coniston & Hillbrow, Lewisham were asked to put tree preservation orders on the remaining. That was done. It now remains to be seen whether any planning applications are made for development at the bottom of these gardens.

Hill House, Beckenham Lane The earlier application to refurbish the vacant Hill House and convert into flats, plus the demolition of the adjacent industrial building and replace it with flats, giving a total of 39 flats on the site has been approved. Users of the Hill Car Park can expect to see building activity near the entrance in the near future.

Miscellany (Sent in by a member)

Back to the 'Old Values' During the past few years we have heard a lot about the desirability of "returning to Victorian values", of declining standards in education, of lack of discipline in schools and generally how things were done so much better in the past, Education 80 or 90 years ago must have been impressive. **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!** As a start how about reinstating the regulations set out in the following extract from "**Rules for Women Teachers in London**". The date was 1915.

1. You will *not* marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are *not* to keep company with men.
3. You *must* be home between 8pm and 6am unless attending a school function.
4. You may *not* loiter in the ice-cream parlours.
5. You may *not* travel beyond the city limits without the permission of the Chairman of the Board.
6. You may *not* ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he be your father or brother.
7. You may *not* smoke cigarettes.
8. You may *not* dress in bright colours.
9. You may, *under no circumstances*, dye your hair.
10. You *must* wear at least two petticoats and your dresses must be no shorter than 2in above the ankles.
11. To keep the schoolroom clean, you must sweep the floor at least once daily; clean the blackboard at least once daily: and start the fire at 7am.

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